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McGovern, Goodell send telegram to BULLET

The following telegram was received this morning by Barbara Halliday:

WE SHARE THE SENSE OF OUTRAGE WHICH YOU AND OTHER AMERICANS FEEL OVER THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE RECENT INVASION OF CAMBODIA AND THE RESUMPTION OF BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE ONLY THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF ACTIONS THAT MEAN MORE ANGUISH AND DESTRUCTION ON ALL SIDES. WE ALSO SHARE YOUR SENSE OF FRUSTRATION IN SEEKING TO HALT THIS ENDLESS WAR AND SENSELESS POLICY. WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME CONGRESS PLAYED THE ROLE ASSIGNED IT BY THE CONSTITUTION IN DETERMINING OUR INVOLVEMENT IN MILITARY ADVENTURES ABROAD. THIS LEADERSHIP IS ADMITTEDLY LONG OVERDUE.

THIS ABSENCE OF LEADERSHIP HAS HAD TRAGIC RESULTS. WE ARE SHOCKED AND GRIEVED BY THE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED AT KENT STATE ON MONDAY. WE SHARE A SENSE OF GUILT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ALTERNATIVES PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THUS FAR. WE HOPE OUR PRESENT EFFORT WILL PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVE.

WE URGE YOU TO DIRECT YOUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CUT OFF FURTHER FUNDS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWING TROOPS SAFELY AND SYSTEMATICALLY, THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, AND ASYLUM FOR VIETNAMESE WHO MIGHT FEEL THREATENED BY OUR WITHDRAWAL. THIS WILL COME TO A VOTE, PROBABLY WITHIN 30 DAYS, WHEN THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL ROLL CALL ON THIS AMENDMENT REQUIRING EVERY SENATOR TO GO ON RECORD FOR OR AGAINST CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE WAR. SIMILAR EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WILL YOU DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO GENERATE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A VICTORIOUS ROLL CALL TO END THE WAR? YOUR LETTERS, PHONE CALLS, PETITIONS, AND PERSONAL VISITS TO YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN ARE URGENTLY NEEDED NOW AND DURING THE NEXT CRUCIAL WEEKS. ABOVE ALL, PLEASE MAKE IT KNOWN THAT ACTS OF VIOLENCE WILL BE MANIPULATED TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR CAUSE, AND WILL SABOTAGE THIS INITIATIVE FOR PEACE.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE MCGOVERN  
CHARLES GOODELL  
HAROLD HUGHES

MARK O. HATFIELD  
ALLEN CRANSTON

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MWC students have begun plans for a march on the Pentagon as an alternative for those who would not march to the White House because of rumors of violence.

There will be a meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in Ball Circle for those interested in joining the march on the Pentagon.

The committee has issued the following statement:

"We are aware of large numbers of students who are concerned about the potential problems which could develop in Washington on Saturday. For this reason we urge all students to reconsider their plans in light of this additional alternative. To maximize the probability of successfully combining a firm commitment to non-violence and a firm protest of President Nixon's actions and the repercussions from them we urge all students to enter Washington and gather at the Pentagon at 10 a.m. Saturday morning if they do not feel they can morally and physically express themselves within the scope of the present plans.

The Pentagon would also become the destination of the MWC to DC march (over)

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still scheduled to leave campus tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. The committee planning the march issued a statement yesterday concerning the rumors of violence for Saturday. They said, "If it becomes apparent that any of the student groups going to Washington Saturday are planning violent action or are even carrying weapons, we cannot and will not encourage our group to go into the city. Since we feel that our own power is in the march itself, regardless of any rumors we will still encourage the march to Alexandria."

Contributions of money, band-aids, ace bandages, lanterns, and sleeping bags are needed and can be taken to the BULLET office. Those planning to participate in the march should contact Joanne Sinsheimer at Ext. 400 or 393.

According to NSA, the march on the White House will begin on H Street between 15th and 17th Streets at noon on Saturday. All Canadian colleges and universities have been closed for the weekend so that Canadian students can join U.S. students in anti-war demonstrations.

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Three Kent State University students who had been placed on the critical list after Monday's shootings there died yesterday, bringing the total number of deaths to seven.

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Sue Cottingham's Community Committee has planned a High School rally in ACL Ballroom today at 4 p.m. . ACLU lawyer Larry Selden from Richmond will speak. The committee is also planning to distribute leaflets to church groups and to organize panel discussions in the community. In an appeal for student participation in this effort, she said: "Reaching the community is one of the most important functions of the Strike Committee. Nixon expects reaction on campuses. He does not expect that the great silent majority will ever turn against him. That's what we are trying to do."

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William Kunstler and Jerry Rubin appeared last night before an estimated 7,000 people in U.Va.'s University Hall. Upon their entrance into the auditorium, most of the crowd joined in a long, loud standing ovation; this spirit of support lasted throughout all of Kunstler's speech and some of Rubin's.

"Every institution that can be shut down must be shut down," Kunstler urged. "These fists have to be clenched and in the air, and if we ever have the power to open them again I hope it is in friendship and not around the trigger of a rifle."

In contrast to Kunstler's subdued tone, Jerry Rubin exploded across the stage in a manner which soon sent crowds of people out the doors.

On the Kent State tragedy: "Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew pulled the trigger."

On the courts: "You spend two minutes in any court system in this country and if you have any humanity you will vomit."

On laws: "We've got to break every law they've created."

On Communism: "Right on, Communism!"

After the speeches, Kunstler met briefly with groups of students from many Virginia colleges and universities. "We must cling together to each other," he said. "If we do not, the results will be tragic. The one thing the Government fears most now is a coalition."

Several hundred students assembled for a march to U.Va. President Shannon's house after the speeches. The group was later redirected to the U.Va. ROTC building, Maury Hall, after it was decided that Shannon was not an appropriate target. Students then occupied the building for the second time this week.